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1. SUMMARY: FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY JAPAN UNABLE TO
PARTICIPATE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONFERENCE.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY

(NPA) RELUCTANTLY DECLINED BECAUSE OF SHORT LEAD-TIME AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. DESPITE EMBASSY DIS-APPOINTMENT, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THIS REPRESENTS ANY LESSENING OF GOJ INTEREST IN COOPERATING IN NARCOTICS MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF (SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, TERANISHI) INFORMED EMBASSY SEPT 4 JAPAN UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONFERENCE. TERANISHI SAID THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND NPA INVITED TO ATTEND BUT BOTH RELUCTANTLY DECLINED FOR REASONS DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. DEA SAIC CONTACTED MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND NPA TO DISCUSS JAPANESE PARTICIPATION. HEALTH AND WELFARE (NARCOTICS DIV HEAD DR. MOTOHASHI) SAID THEY REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND. HE NOTED THAT CONFERENCE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1973 AND DIRECTOR OF NPA'S SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY PLANNED TO ATTEND. MOTOHASHI SAID IF ORIGINAL INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO BROADER CIRCLES OF GOJ THAN NPA HE HIMSELF WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ATTENDED OR IF CURRENT INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED PRIOR TO FINALIZATION OF BUDGET IN APRIL FUNDS COULD HAVE BEEN RESERVED. AS RESULT, LEAD TIME AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING PROBLEMS DO NOT RPT NOT PERMIT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, HE INFORMED US THAT FUNDS ARE INCLUDED IN FY 74 BUDGET SUBMISSION WHICH WOULD PERMIT PARTICIPATION IN SUCH CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR.

4. NPA IN CONTRAST HAS FUNDS AND ITS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY DIRECTOR PLANNED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WHEN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. SHORT LEAD-TIME NOW AND HIS SCHEDULE PREVENT ATTENDANCE IN LATE OCTOBER. NPA ATTEMPTED TO FIND ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE. SEVERAL OTHERS ARE QUALIFIED BUT ALL LACK ENGLISH OR FRENCH WHICH WOULD PERMIT EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION. NPA THEREFORE RELUCTANTLY DECLINED.

5. EMBASSY DISAPPOINTED IN GOJ DECISION. IN ADDITION TO DEA SAIC CONTACTS, EMBOFFS HAD ENCOURAGED FONOFF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PARTICIPATE ON THREE OCCASIONS IN ADDITION TO TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE TO DISCUSS INVITATION. AS WELL, CONGRESSMAN RANGEL WAS ENCOURAGED BY EMBASSY TO MENTION CONFERENCE DURING CALL ON FONOFF UN BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL SUZUKI, AUGUST 27. CONGRESSMAN TOLD SUZUKI HE HOPED GOJ WOULD PARTICIPATE. AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST 3 FONOFF TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT LEAST MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE WAS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE.

6. SINCE GOJ HAS COOPERATED ON NARCOTICS MATTERS
INCREASINGLY DURING PAST YEAR, WE BELIEVE GOJ DECISION
GENUINELY REFLECTS PROBLEMS OF SHORT LEAD-TIME COMPOUNDED
BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS INCLUDING FUNDING.
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